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RESIDENTS INVITED TO ATTEND INSTALLATION CEREMONY FOR NEW MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS

GLENDALE, Ariz. – Glendale's new mayor and three councilmembers will be sworn into office at 7 p.m. Tuesday, January 15, 2013 to officially begin their four-year terms on the City Council.

Residents are invited to attend the installation ceremony for Mayor-elect Jerry Weiers, Yucca District Councilmember-elect Sam Chavira, Cactus District Councilmember-elect Ian Hugh and Sahuarro District Councilmember-elect Gary Sherwood.

The ceremony will be held in the Council Chambers at Glendale City Hall, 5850 W. Glendale Avenue. Coffee and cake will be served immediately following the ceremony.

Weiers has served in the Arizona State Legislature since 2005. During his tenure as a state representative, he chaired the Arizona House of Representatives' Military Affairs and Public Safety (MAPS) Committee and currently chairs the Rules Committee. Weiers also is the only representative from Arizona serving on the National Conference of State Legislatures Military Sustainability Task Force.

Chavira, who has lived in Glendale for the past two decades, is a Phoenix firefighter. He has received numerous accolades during his 14-year tenure with the Phoenix Fire Department. Chavira is a founding member of the Cesar Chavez Foundation and helped establish the Franklin Police and Fire High School in west Phoenix, which prepares students for careers in law enforcement and fire service.

Born and raised in Glendale, Hugh was on the City Council from 1986 to 1991 and served as vice mayor during his last two years in office. Hugh, who is currently serving as an interim councilmember due to a recent vacancy on the Council, has been a member of the Glendale Union High School District School Board for the last eight years; the last two years as the board's president.

Sherwood, a resident of Glendale since 1979, has been a member on two of the city's boards and commissions for several years. He has served as chairman of the city's Personnel Board, as well as the Planning Commission. He also is a graduate of the city's Citizen Police Academy. In addition, Sherwood is an active member of the Glendale Historical Society and a new board member with Glendale Civic Pride.

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